## **Farmer Rick**

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Rick's fondest memories of his childhood are the times when he was living or playing on a farm; whether it was his uncle's or his brother-in-law's farms, he enjoyed those times the most. When we decided to become fulltime RVer's we had a "sort-of" farm, with some animals, llamas, goats, sheep, chickens and some pot bellied pigs and we farmed hemp. Rick had a brand new air-conditioned, heated Kubota tractor; complete with a stereo that was his pride and joy. He used it in the summer to plough the land and in the winter to blow out the driveway and when we sold the house, the tractor went with it. It nearly broke his heart!

The weather today has greatly improved with lots of sunshine and warm temperatures (20C, 68F), perfect for working and playing outside, something we all took advantage of. This morning, Rick was in his glory because he spent a few hours using lan's riding lawn mower, a small John Deere tractor, to mow the lawn. Actually, he has been in his element for most of the day keeping very busy between gardening and yard work. I played with my camera taking pictures of everything from Makai's ear to the foliage and flowers in the yard and Karley entertained Makai by pushing him around in his car or using his sandbox.

For anyone who is familiar with us and our journey, you'll remember Sasha, our other cat which we gave to Karley when we came to BC in the spring of 2004. Well she has adapted beautifully to her new life and she especially loves her little "feeding" buddy, Makai. She stays close to his highchair during every meal hoping to score something she'll enjoy (most times she does) and she lets him pat her (smack her) and pull her tail. She seems to have remembered us and she hangs around rubbing her face on any stray hand or foot willing to give her a scratch. See her picture in the "pictures" section of this site.